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An optical scanning device for scanning a dual-layer optical record carrier with dual orthogonally polarized radiation beams. The device having a spherical aberration compensation optical subsystem including a switchable liquid crystal cell of birefringent material for altering different optical paths lengths provided by a phase structure of stepped annular zones.